

State Society

JOINT MEETING OF STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETIES' OFFICERS

The next joint meeting of the Council of the State Society and the officers of the various constituent societies will be held in San Francisco, Saturday, September 24, 1921. All officers of county societies, who can possibly arrange to do so, should attend the meeting. Where attendance by the officers is impossible, a delegate should be appointed with power to act for the Society.

Hereafter these meetings will be held semi-annually. Arrangements for two such meetings during the annual session in Yosemite next May will be provided as part of the program. The next mid-year meeting will be in Los Angeles, Saturday, September 9, 1922. This date is selected so that members may also attend the Hospital Conference which will be held the same week in Los Angeles. These advance dates are published in order that all persons may have full opportunity to secure any desired information or make any suggestions regarding these meetings.

It is very important that delegates of county societies attend the meeting in San Francisco on the 24th of this month.

SECTION OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY FOR THE COMING STATE MEETING

In the past we have had great difficulty in securing a proper variety of contributions for our Section Meetings, because the synopses as well as the actual articles were sent in at the last moment and could not be submitted to a program committee for selection.

We, therefore, request of those who wish to present original papers at the next State meeting to signify their intention at once and to let us have a clear synopsis of the contents not later than December 1. This will allow us ample time to make proper selections.

We call your attention again to the necessity of contributing a small sum of \$5, as previously requested, in order to secure the services of a stenographer for the coming meeting.

L. A. EMGE, Secretary.

Stanford University Hospital.

THE 1922 HOSPITAL CONFERENCE

The Executive Committee of the League for the Conservation of Public Health announce that the next annual Hospital Conference will be held in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 6th, 7th and 8th of September, 1922. Hospitals, organizations and persons interested in the arrangements, program or any other matter connected with this important conference should write to Mr. Celestine J. Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the League, Butler Building, San Francisco.

County Societies

Placer County—(Reported by Robert A. Peers, Secretary)—At the regular meeting of the Placer County Medical Society, held at Auburn, Saturday evening, August 13, 1921, the following program was presented: "Modern Conceptions of Treatment of Circulatory Disorders," by Dr. Eugene Sterling Kilgore, of San Francisco; "Diagnosis of Breast Tumors by Exploration," by Dr. Alson Raphael Kilgore, of San Francisco, and "Industrial Fatigue," by Dr. E. H. Coleman, of Hobart Mills.

Dr. Alson Kilgore also gave a short talk upon the educational program of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, and urged the co-operation of the members of the society in promoting the society's educational work during Cancer Week. The following resolution was then adopted:

Whereas, The American Society for the Control of Cancer has named the week of October 30 to November 5 as Cancer Week for the education of the public in the early signs of cancer to the end that the mortality from this disease may be reduced; and,

Whereas, Dr. Carl P. Jones, of Grass Valley, has been appointed as County Chairman for Placer County Medical Society; therefore be it

Santa Barbara County—(Reported by H. L. Schurmeier, Secretary)—The Society met at the Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, July 11. There were fourteen members and three guests present and thirty-seven members absent. A report was made of three patients suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum successfully treated with farina gruel, ovarian extract, bromides diet, etc.

Dr. H. F. Profant was elected a member of the Society.

The St. Francis Hospital is to commence construction of a new 100-bed hospital at once. There are to be four floors, two solaria on each floor, twenty-four private baths. The first floor will be for medicine, second floor for surgery, third for obstetrical cases and fourth devoted exclusively to operating rooms, delivery rooms, orthopedic work-rooms and X-ray laboratories. There will be a roof garden on top of the hospital.

MAKING NATIONAL PARKS SAFE

A concerted effort is being made by the U. S. Public Health Service and the National Park Service, to make the National Parks of the United States safe and sanitary for the vast numbers of Americans who have recently taken to touring them. Before the war, when tourists were fewer and most of them traveled on stage lines and stayed at park hotels, the sanitary problem was simple. Since the war, however, the great majority travel in automobiles and camp out, enormously complicating all health matters.

Since early in January, the U. S. Public Health Service, at the request of and in co-operation with the National Park Service, has been preparing for the work; and on May 15, it sent its first sanitary engineers into Yellowstone, Mount Rainier, Yosemite, and Grand Canyon parks. Other engineers, or engineers who have finished work on their earlier assignments, will go to other parks. Only in the largest and most popular parks, such as the Yellowstone, will it be necessary for a sanitarian to remain all summer.

The work consists in examination and protection of water supplies, disposal of garbage and sewage, inspection of milk and food and the way they are handled; providing for camp policing and sanitation; and prevention of malaria. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes have been found in Yosemite park; and especial efforts will be made to eradicate them there and to prevent them from "acquiring a residence" in other parks.

WHY MARYLAND QUIT PHYSICIANS' LINES

In announcing its retirement from physicians' liability insurance as of February 1, the Maryland Casualty states that its premium income from this line in 1919 was only \$18,505 and amounted to only \$322,039 for the ten-year period ending with 1919. Losses and claim expense for the ten years made for a ratio of 71.8 per cent. In 1919 losses and claim expense took 90 per cent of premiums. In only two years of the ten was the company unable to show an underwriting profit on this class of business. Underwriting loss in 1919 was 20.5 per cent and for the ten years 10.6 per cent.

MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF ILLINOIS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The Supreme Court of Illinois, under date of June 22 of this year, declared the Medical Practice Act of 1917 unconstitutional.